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March 18, 1985

Mr. Laurence Ashdown
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Dear Mr. Ashdown:

RE: Final Reclamation for Desert Mound Mine, ACT/021/003, Iron
County, Utah

This letter is in reference to U. S. Steel Corporation's letter of April 18, 1984 and the Division's site visit of March 8, 1985 which was conducted to view reclamation of the office and loadout facilities.

The Division has determined that your April 18, 1984 response adequately addresses the majority of questions raised in our February 16, 1984 letter concerning final reclamation. However, two concerns still remain.

1. Stability Monitoring

The criteria used for the stability monitoring (visual) must be submitted to the Division. The qualifications of the individual who inspects and what the person will look for should be included. This monitoring will be done until bond release.

If the monitoring indicates a potential hazard, the operator must mitigate the hazardous situation. The stability monitoring report should be included in the annual report.

2. Impoundment Level Monitoring

The operator should commit to monitor the level in the water impoundment on a monthly basis. It is suggested that a measuring device with depths marked off be used to monitor the depth. The operator will submit the record of the impoundment level with the annual report.

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A verbal commitment to do this monitoring and to provide the necessary information was made by Roy Benson to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig in a telephone conversation of March 11, 1985. If there are any questions, please call Pam or Steve Cox of my staff.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

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